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RESPONSE

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action of April 27, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 8, with the following paragraph:

‘U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/977,978, entitled “SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION OF CELLULAR AUTOMATA BASED RANDOM NUMBER GENERATORS” (Attorney Docket No. 10019023-1); and